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FOR ARA/BC ROBERT PACE

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SUBJ: VISIT TO BOLIVIA OF DR THOMAS CHASE, NIH

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1. WE ARE DELIGHTED WITH NEWS THAT DR CHASE OF NIH WILL ADDRESS BOLIVIAN NATIONAL MEDICAL CONFERENCE. RAVNDAL WILL MEET AND ACCOMPANY TO TRINIDAD, ALONG WITH DR KARL M JOHNSON OF GORGAS HOSPITAL WHO WILL ALSO ADDRESS CONFERENCE. CHASE WILL STAY AT RESIDENCE DURING LA PAZ PORTION OF TRIP.

2. IF CHASE COULD ARRIVE LA PAZ A COUPLE OF DAYS AHEAD OF SCHEDULED MAY 9 DEPARTURE FOR TRINIDAD, DR MATHIAS WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT CHASE AND JOHNSON TO THE BOLIVIAN MEDICAL SOCIETY.
(JOHNSON ARRIVING MAY 6.)

3. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHO IS EXPECTED TO PAY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OF DR CHASE. INTERNAL TRAVEL AND LODGING WILL BE COVERED BY BOLIVIANS AND BY EMBASSY. HOPE NIH OR DEPARTMENT CAN PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS.

4. PLEASE NOTIFY FORMER AMBASSADOR EDMUNDO VALENCIA, NOW WITH IDB, THAT CHASE IS MAKING THIS TRIP. VALENCIA'S WIFE IS FORMER PATIENT OF CHASE AND NO DOUBT WOULD WISH TO BE INFORMED OF THIS VISIT.

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